WINNIPEG CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION
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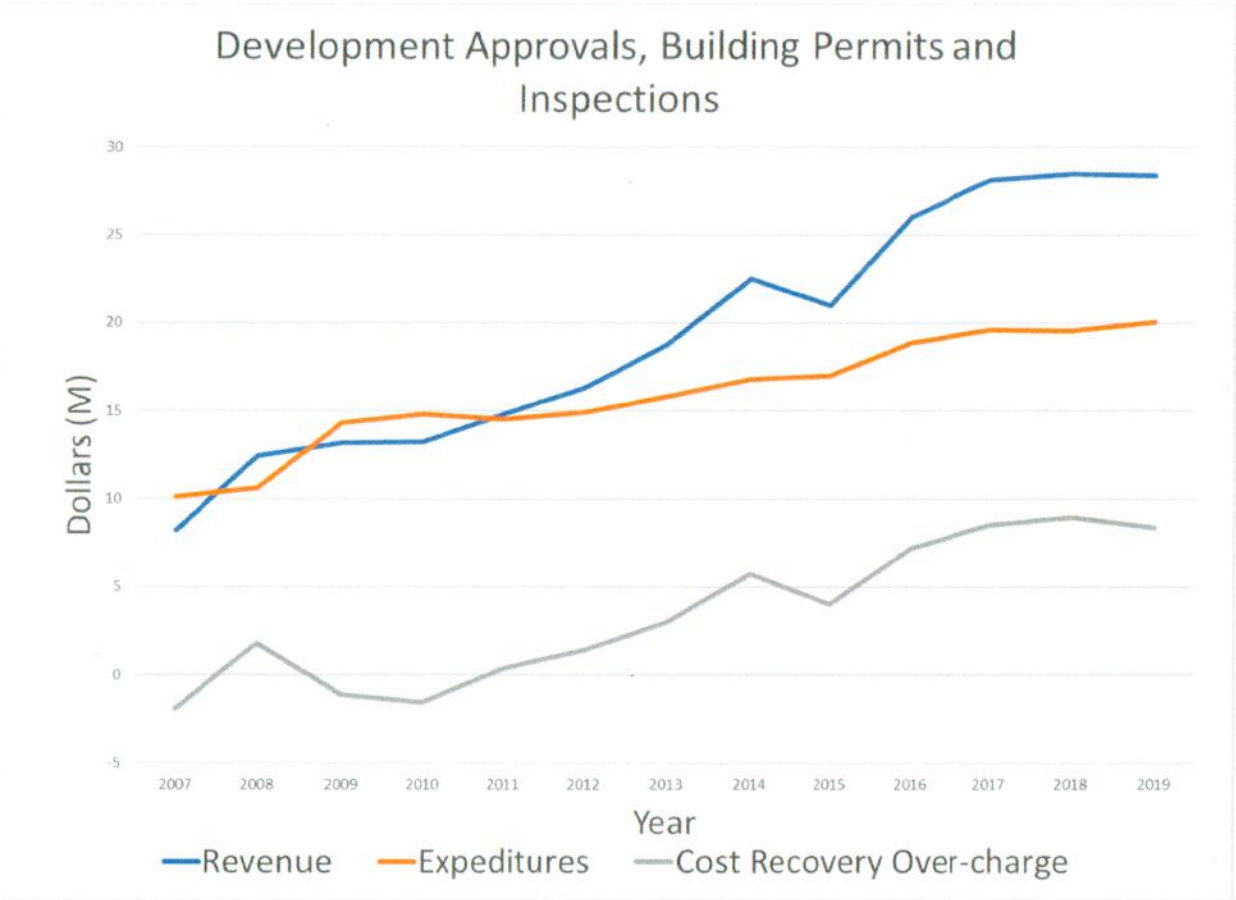
WCA Comments to Executive Policy Council on Red Tape Report

December 3, 2019

- Thank you for the opportunity to speak with the Executive Policy Council regarding the Red Tape Report
- I would like to start with this graph as the backdrop of my comments
- This graph shows the budgeted permit revenue vs the budgeted cost of service.
- Since 2009, in the past ten years, Permit revenue has increased by 115%, when amount spent on services has increased by 40%
- WCA has over the years supported increasing permit fees if it leads to improved services
- However there still continues to be much more money charged for permits than is used to deliver the required service
- With this said, I would like to talk about the Red Tape report in your agenda
- I am concerned that the PP&D responses to the Top Ten issues appear to not be taking them seriously
- The tone of much of the responses would leave a reader thinking the department is satisfied with the status quo. This is concerning.
- We have members that we engage in this process, to get their input, some came to the consultation meetings and I am certain they would not be satisfied with the responses in this report.
- Also, I don't believe the report accurately reflects the current views of the department.
- I know there are efforts by staff now that are attempting to address the Red Tape issues identified, but they are not included in the report.
- Regarding solutions, I know that the PP&D budget includes plans to use Permit reserve funds for IT investments to bring online permit applications and inspection bookings.
- This will go a long way to deal with some of these red tape issues
- WCA is very supportive of this initiative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